



1999-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Rear Hatch lift supports Replacement

The rear hatch did no longer open properly and, when opened, did not stay up. Replacing the lift supports resolved this issue.

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INTRODUCTION

This is to show how to replace the lift supports of the rear hatch. The hatch is quite heavy so use some sort of support or an assistant when changing the supports. the left and right strut are identically mounted. All steps apply to either side



TOOLS:

- [T30 Torx wrench](#) (1)




PARTS:

- [Lift Support](#) (2)
Autozone part number D95795

Step 1 — Rear Hatch lift supports



- Open the tail gate and either prop it up or use an assistant to hold it.

 The tail gate is heavy and will fall if not properly supported.

- Right tailgate lift support strut
- Left tailgate lift support strut

Step 2



- The struts are fastened with T-40 Torx head bolts.
- Using a t-40 Torx driver to loosen the bolt
- The bolt does not remove from the strut. It is pressed in and will be replaced with the new strut

Step 3



- Completely loosen the bolt securing the strut to the top of the tailgate with a T-40 driver.
- Replace the worn strut with a new one.
- On this vehicle both struts were replaced. This stopped the sagging of the tailgate

To reassemble your Jeep, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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